

Now Available: Performance-Based Contracting for Supports Coordination Organizations and Amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living, and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers Approved by CMS

ODP Announcement 25-107

AUDIENCE:

- Individuals and Families
- Providers of Consolidated, Community Living, and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver services
- Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- Other interested persons

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this announcement is to inform all interested parties that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved amendments to the 1915(b)(4) Performance-Based Contracting waiver and the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers effective January 1, 2026. All waivers are available on the Department of Human Services' (DHS) website.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that amendments to the following documents were approved by CMS to implement Performance-Based Contracting for Supports Coordination and Targeted Support Management services:

- 1915(b)(4) Performance-Based Contracting waiver (approved by CMS on October 15, 2025)
- Targeted Support Management State Plan (approval by CMS anticipated with an effective date of January 1, 2026)
- Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers (approved by CMS on October 15, 2025)

All amendments are effective January 1, 2026. As communicated in [ODP Announcement 25-075](#), the waivers were submitted to CMS on July 31, 2025. The Targeted Support Management State Plan Amendment was submitted to CMS on August 25, 2025, due to an unanticipated delay. Since that time, ODP has engaged in discussions with CMS. No substantive changes were made to the amendments based on those discussions.

Information regarding Performance-Based Contracting for Supports Coordination delivered through the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers and Targeted Support Management can be accessed at [PBC SCO Services - MyODP](#).

In addition to changes needed to implement Performance-Based Contracting, the following major changes are included in the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers:

- Removal of the \$10,000 lifetime limit for Assistive Technology.
 - The Consolidated Waiver's \$10,000 lifetime limit will be replaced by a \$3,000 fiscal year limit. Participants who need Assistive Technology that exceeds this limit may request a variance.
 - The Community Living and P/FDS Waivers' \$10,000 lifetime limit is being removed for all Assistive Technology except for generators since Assistive

Technology is included in the annual limit on waiver services for both waivers.

- Providers of Benefits Counseling services can bill when providing information and education to the waiver participant's Representative Payee.
- Requirements for providers of Community Participation Support, In-Home and Community Support or Companion services to render services to a minimum of three participants each year and provide services each quarter.
- Streamlined procedures that enable faster and more efficient transitions to different models of service when a Common Law Employer or Managing Employer in either of the participant directed services models does not perform critical functions that creates a significant risk of death or serious injury to the participant.
- A requirement that prevocational facilities be licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2390 to be an approved vendor for Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Supported Employment services starting January 1, 2027.

Each full waiver application, as well as a record of all substantive changes, is available online at:

[Consolidated Waiver](#)

[Community Living Waiver](#)

[P/FDS Waiver](#)

ODP will be holding one webinar to provide a high-level overview of Performance-Based Contracting and additional major changes made in the approved waivers. There will be time during the session for presenters to answer questions submitted by participants during the webinar.

Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waiver Amendment Overview

December 15, 2025

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7992435136128856669>

Additional guidance will be released regarding provider qualification requirements and updates will be made to the variance form and Individual Support Plan Manual to align with these amendments. The approved Targeted Support Management State Plan Amendment will be included with the release of an updated bulletin.

CONTACT:

Questions about this communication should be directed to the appropriate ODP Regional Office.